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IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE LOSER'S SPACESHIP TO BE DESTROYED!

THERE'S ONE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THAT! AMY IS ON BOARD!

AMY! ARE YOU RECEIVING ME? YOU'RE IN DANGER! GET OUT OF THERE!

Time Zone

# space race

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Part 2

WISH WE COULD! TROUBLE IS, THE PILOT'S OUT COLD AND THEIR USELESS COMMANDER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS THING!

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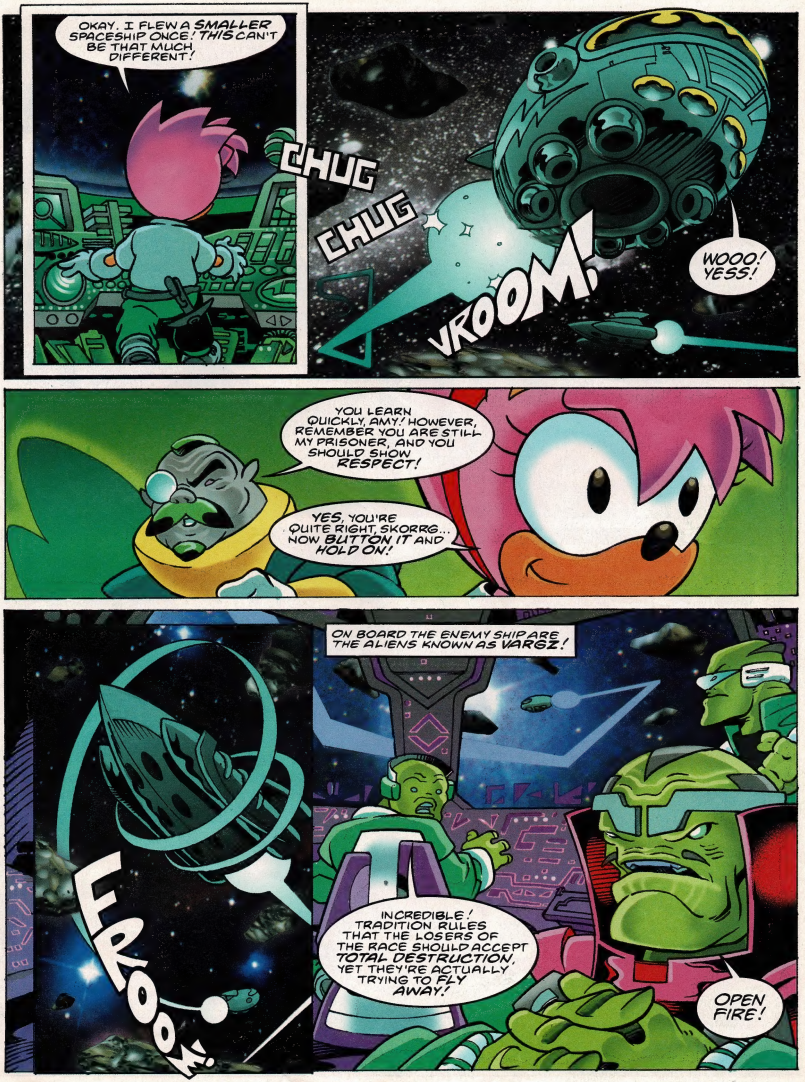
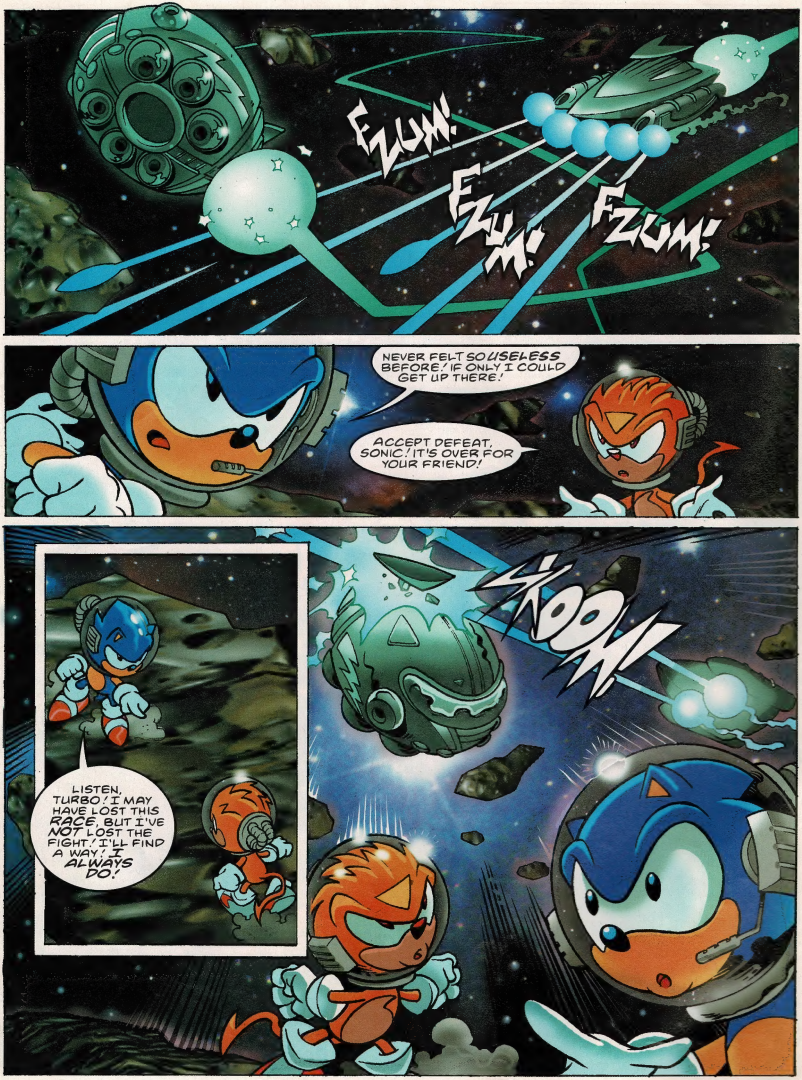
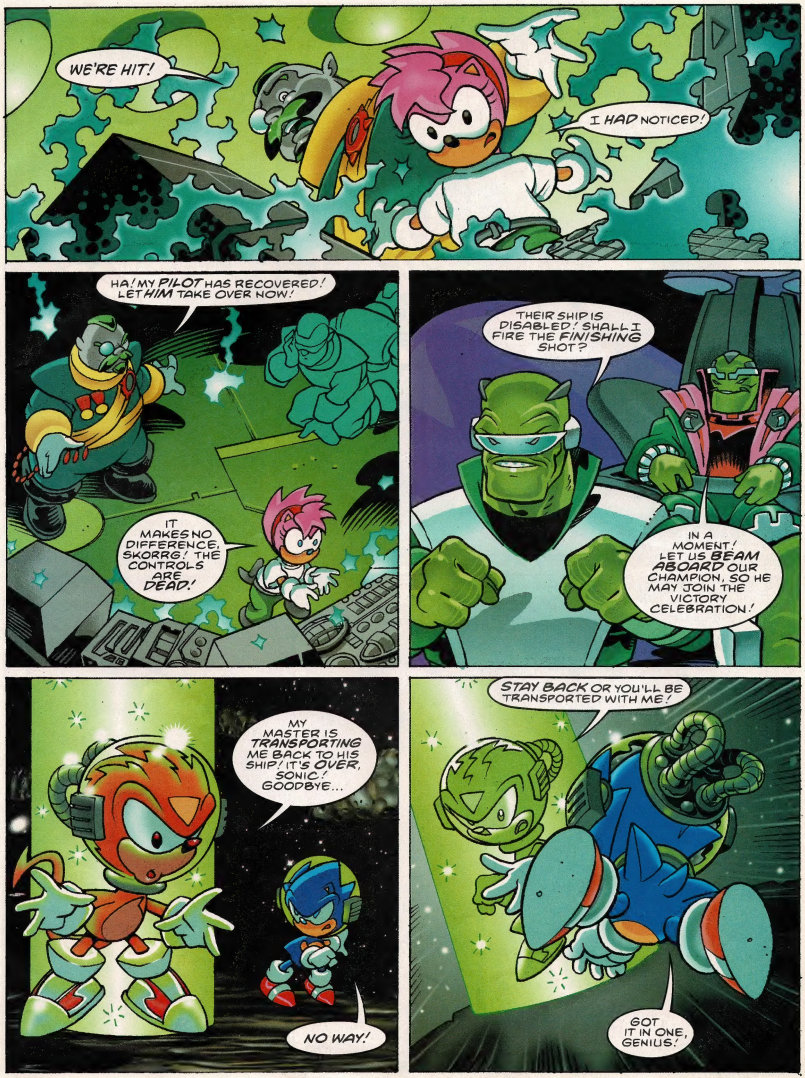
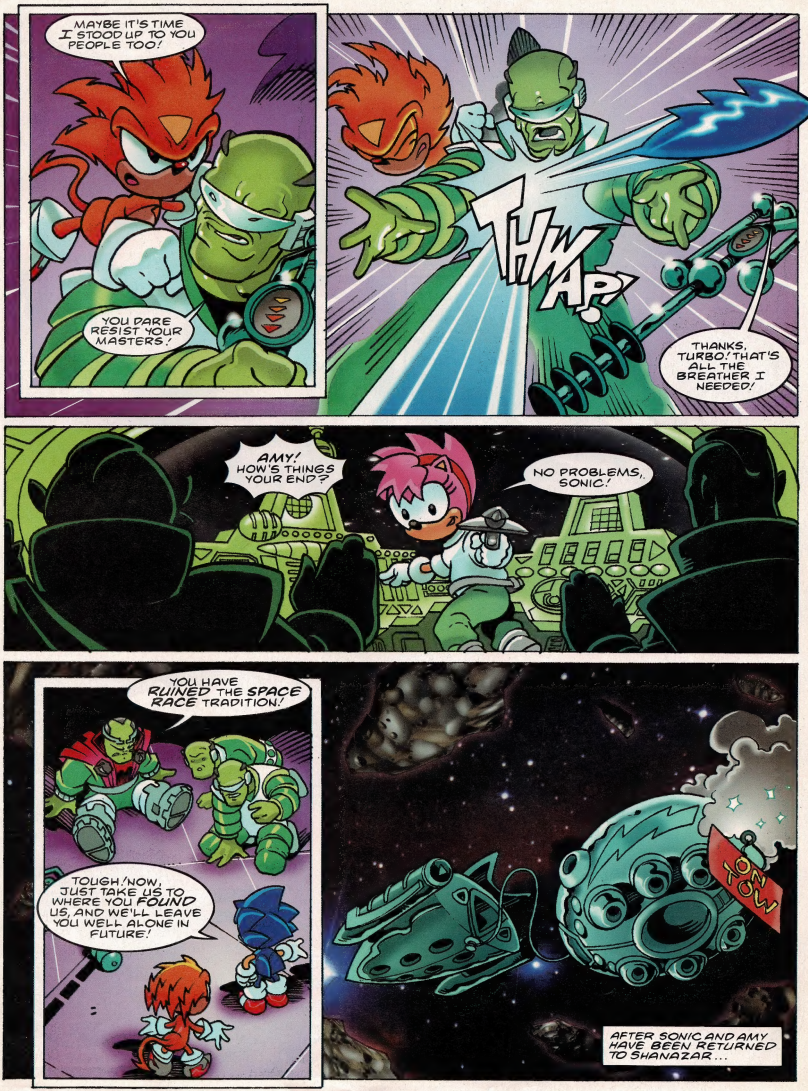
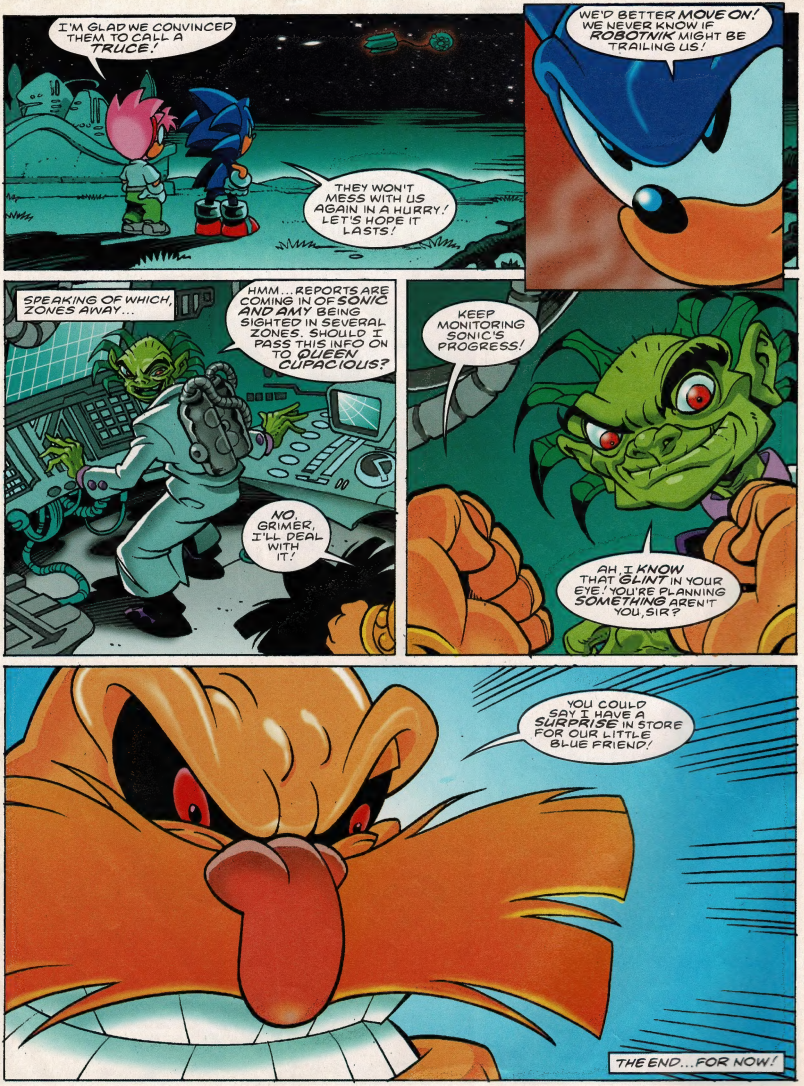

OKAY. I FLEW A SMALLER SPACESHIP ONCE! THIS CAN'T BE THAT MUCH DIFFERENT.
CHUG
CHUG
VROOM!
WOOO! YESS!
YOU LEARN QUICKLY, AMY! HOWEVER, REMEMBER YOU ARE STILL MY PRISONER, AND YOU SHOULD SHOW RESPECT!
YES, YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, SKORRG... NOW BUTTON IT AND HOLD ON!
ON BOARD THE ENEMY SHIP ARE THE ALIENS KNOWN AS VARGZ!
FROOM!
INCREDIBLE! TRADITION RULES THAT THE LOSERS OF THE RACE SHOULD ACCEPT TOTAL DESTRUCTION, YET THEY'RE ACTUALLY TRYING TO FLY AWAY!
OPEN FIRE!


FZUM!
FZUM!
FZUM!
NEVER FELT SO USELESS BEFORE! IF ONLY I COULD GET UP THERE!
ACCEPT DEFEAT, SONIC! IT'S OVER FOR YOUR FRIEND!
LISTEN, TURBO! I MAY HAVE LOST THIS RACE, BUT I'VE NOT LOST THE FIGHT! I'LL FIND A WAY! I ALWAYS DO!
KOOH!


WE'RE HIT!
I HAD NOTICED!
HA! MY PILOT HAS RECOVERED! LET HIM TAKE OVER NOW!
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE, SKORRG! THE CONTROLS ARE DEAD!
THEIR SHIP IS DISABLED! SHALL I FIRE THE FINISHING SHOT?
IN A MOMENT! LET US BEAM ABOARD OUR CHAMPION, SO HE MAY JOIN THE VICTORY CELEBRATION!
MY MASTER IS TRANSPORTING ME BACK TO HIS SHIP! IT'S OVER, SONIC! GOODBYE...
NO WAY!
STAY BACK OR YOU'LL BE TRANSPORTED WITH ME!
GOT IT IN ONE, GENIUS!

WHAT'S THE HEDGEHOG DOING HERE?
JUST STOPPED BY FOR TEA AND BISCUITS, CREEP!
STOP HI— UFFF!
FAT CHANCE!
WHIP!
URRK!
WHAP!
NOT BAD FOR SOMEONE WHO LOST THE SPACE RACE, HUH?
OVER-CONFIDENCE WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU!
KRAK-AAK!
AAGHH!
SAY GOODNIGHT, SONIC!
uhhh... ON YOUR BIKE!


MAYBE IT'S TIME I STOOD UP TO YOU PEOPLE TOO!
YOU DARE RESIST YOUR MASTERS!
THWAP!
THANKS, TURBO! THAT'S ALL THE BREATHER I NEEDED!
AMY! HOW'S THINGS YOUR END?
NO PROBLEMS, SONIC!
YOU HAVE RUINED THE SPACE RACE TRADITION!
TOUGH! NOW, JUST TAKE US TO WHERE YOU FOUND US, AND WE'LL LEAVE YOU WELL ALONE IN FUTURE!
VOOM VOOM
AFTER SONIC AND AMY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO SHANAZAR...


I'M GLAD WE CONVINCED THEM TO CALL A TRUCE!
THEY WON'T MESS WITH US AGAIN IN A HURRY! LET'S HOPE IT LASTS!
WE'D BETTER MOVE ON! WE NEVER KNOW IF ROBOTNIK MIGHT BE TRAILING US!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, ZONES AWAY...
HMM... REPORTS ARE COMING IN OF SONIC AND AMY BEING SIGHTED IN SEVERAL ZONES. SHOULD I PASS THIS INFO ON TO QUEEN, CUPACIOUS?
NO, GRIMER, I'LL DEAL WITH IT!
KEEP MONITORING SONIC'S PROGRESS!
AH, I KNOW THAT GLINT IN YOUR EYE. YOU'RE PLANNING SOMETHING AREN'T YOU, SIR?
YOU COULD SAY I HAVE A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR OUR LITTLE BLUE FRIEND!
THE END... FOR NOW!

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RAINING BANANAS
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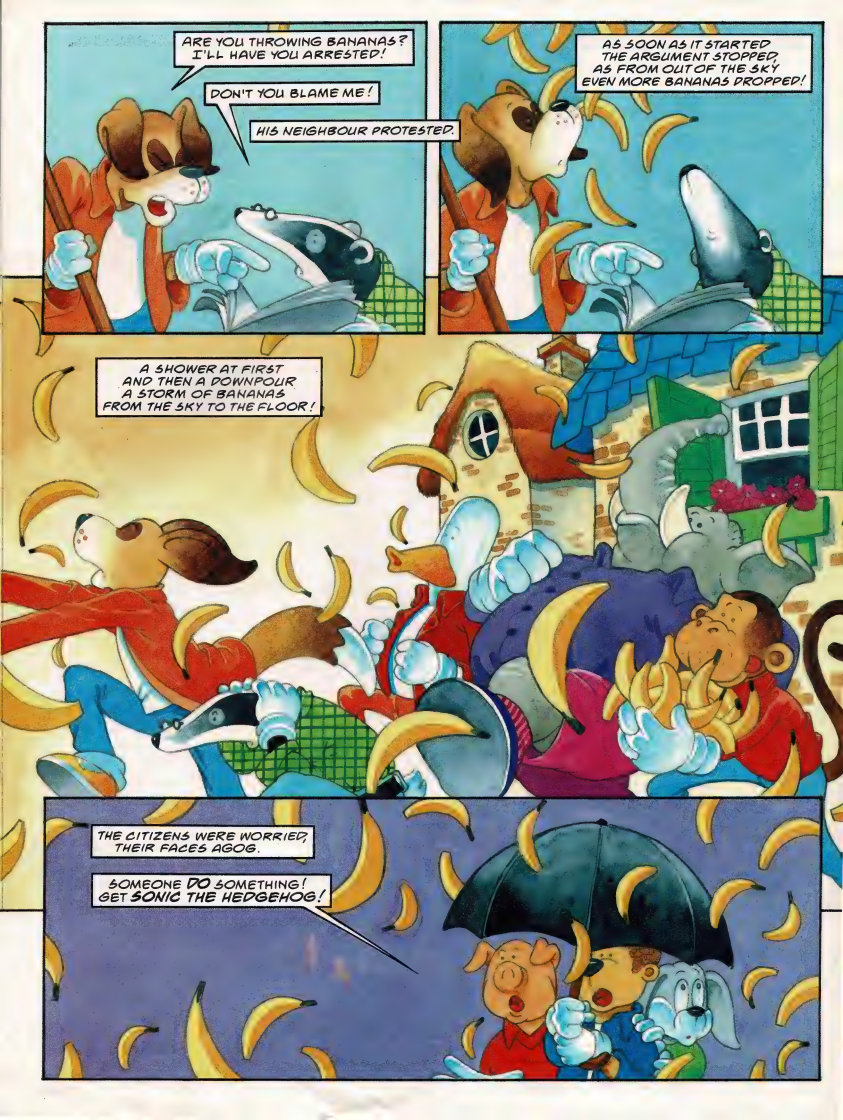
HERE'S A STORY WITH A DIFFERENCE, FOR JUST THIS ONE TIME, IT'S A TALE SO BIZARRE WE'RE TELLING IT IN RHYME!
IT STARTED SO PEACEFULLY FOR THE EMERALD HILL FOLKS, WITH NO DANGER APPARENT THERE WAS TIME TO SHARE JOKES.
THEN EVENTS TOOK A TURN TO CHANGE THE MOOD OF THE MORNING A BANANA FROM NOWHERE FELL DOWN WITHOUT WARNING...
DONK!


ARE YOU THROWING BANANAS? I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED!
DON'T YOU BLAME ME!
HIS NEIGHBOUR PROTESTED.
AS SOON AS IT STARTED THE ARGUMENT STOPPED, AS FROM OUT OF THE SKY EVEN MORE BANANAS DROPPED!
A SHOWER AT FIRST AND THEN A DOWNPOUR A STORM OF BANANAS FROM THE SKY TO THE FLOOR!
THE CITIZENS WERE WORRIED, THEIR FACES AGOG.
SOMEONE DO SOMETHING! GET SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THE WORLD IS DOOMED! THE END IS NIGH! THE SIGNS ARE ALL THERE... BANANAS THAT FLY!
I'LL SORT THIS OUT, SO SETTLE DOWN, DUDE! I CAN GUESS WHO'S BEHIND THIS TORRENT OF FOOD!
IT'S AN EXPERIMENT GONE WRONG, IF YOU FOLLOW MY NOTION. THEY'RE FROM FLICKIES' ISLAND ACROSS THE VAST OCEAN!
IT'S ALL GRIMER'S FAULT AS SONIC SUSPECTED!
OOH, I HOPE I CAN GET THIS MACHINE FAULT CORRECTED!
A MACHINE TO MAKE MISSILES WAS THE PLAN IN HIS HEAD. BUT A FAULTY CONNECTION LAUNCHED BANANAS INSTEAD!
NOTHING CAN STOP THEM! IT CONFIRMS OUR WORST FEARS! IF IT KEEPS ON LIKE THIS, WE'LL BE UP TO OUR EARS!

STAY BACK, EVERYONE, THERE'S NO NEED TO FRET! I'LL WHIP UP A STORM TO END THIS... NO SWEAT!
THE BANANAS ARE SUCKED INTO THE MIGHTIEST OF TWISTERS BY THE FAST FEET OF SONIC (WHO'S TOO COOL FOR BLISTERS!)
TOWARDS FLICKIES' ISLAND, ITS DESTINATION SOUGHT, WITH A THOUSAND BANANAS ALL RIPE FOR EXPORT!
FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY BY THE MACHINE'S ERRATIC MANNER, GRIMER FIXES IT FOR GOOD WITH A WEIGHTY SLEDGEHAMMER!
SMASH!

BY THIS ACTION HE THOUGHT HE'D SEE BANANAS NO MORE BUT AS HE LOOKED TO THE SKY HE SAW BANANAS GALORE!
RETURNED BY THE TWISTER CREATED BY SONIC'S SPIN, GRIMER'S PLAN BACKFIRES:
GROAN! I NEVER WIN!
IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE LIFE'S BACK ON ROUTE, AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS BEFORE FLYING FRUIT!
CAFE
YOU SAVED US, AGAIN! LET US TREAT YOU! PLEASE SIT.
THANKS, BUT AFTER TODAY I CAN'T FACE BANANA SPLIT!
THE END!

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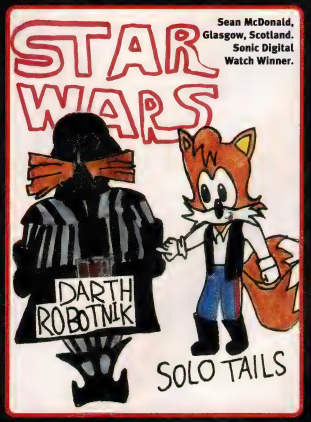


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*May the wig be with you*

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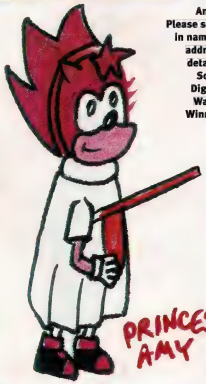
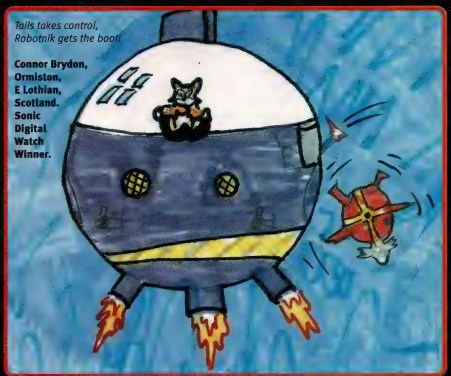



**Anon, Please send in name & address details. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.**

*Tails takes control, Robotnik gets the boot*



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# Tails

## Zonerunner & The Flock

### Part 4

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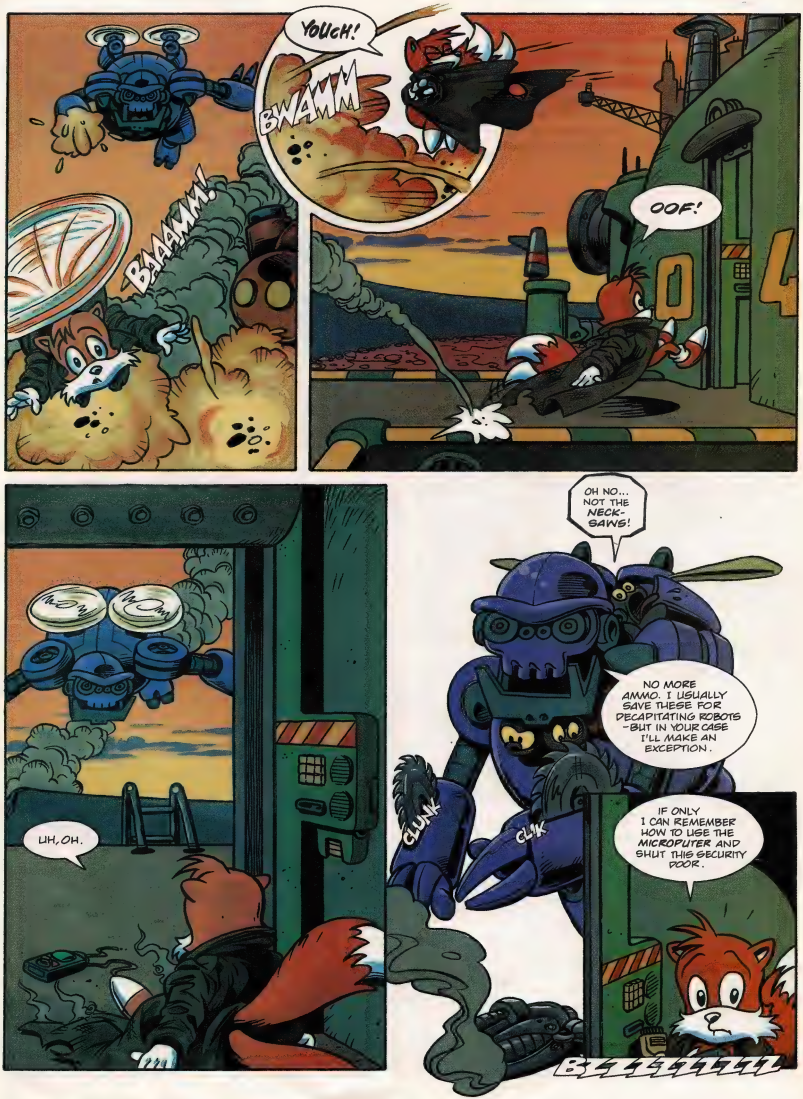
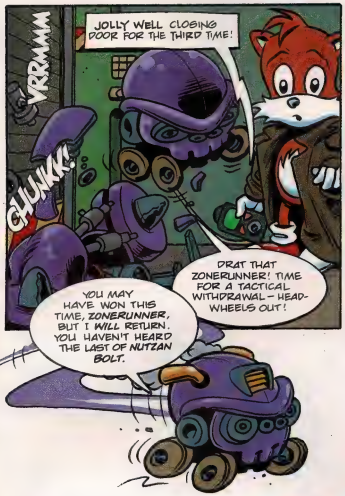
TAILS AND HIS NEW FRIENDS, THE FLOCK, ARE TRYING TO PREVENT THE ROBOT, NUTZAN BOLT, FROM BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIER AND FLOODING THE SURROUNDING ZONES WITH MEGAMACK TOXIC WASTE.
NOW TO END YOUR INTERFERING, ZONE-RUNNER.
YOU DISTRACT NUTZAN, ZONERUNNER*, WHILE THE FLOCK DESTROYS HIS SECURITY ROBOTS!
YIKES! COULDN'T WE TALK ABOUT THIS, NUTZAN?
*ZONERUNNER- SOMEONE WHO TRAVELS THE ZONES OF MOBIUS FIGHTING ROBOTNIK.
OH DEAR, THEY'VE NEARLY BROKEN THROUGH THE BARRIER.
FLYING WON'T SAVE YOU, ZONERUNNER.
KER-BOOM
OH BOY ...I WISH SONIC WAS HERE!
THE 'S' WORD! YOU USED THE 'S' WORD!


YOUCH!
BWAMM
BAAAMM!
OOF!
UH, OH.
OH NO... NOT THE NECK-SAWS!
NO MORE AMMO. I USUALLY SAVE THESE FOR DECAPITATING ROBOTS - BUT IN YOUR CASE I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION.
CLUNK
CLIK
IF ONLY I CAN REMEMBER HOW TO USE THE MICROPUTER AND SHUT THIS SECURITY DOOR.
BZZZZZZZZZ

WHAT DID SAB SAY? MICROPUTER ON -INSTRUCTION- CLOSE THE DOOR.
CANNOT COMPLY - DOOR IS LOCKED OPEN.
UNLOCK IT THEN.
DECODING LOCK - DOOR UNLOCKED.
BZZZZZZZZ
AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS
CLOSE THE DOOR. CLOSE THE DOOR! JOLLY WELL CLOSE THE DOOR!
'JOLLY WELL' DOES NOT COMPUTE - CLIK - WORKING - CLIK - CLOSING DOOR FOR THE FIRST TIME
BZZZZZZZZ
THANK GOODNESS!
VRRMMM
BZZZZZZZZ
MMMRRV
AHA!
GULP! IT'S OPENING!
BZZZZZZZZ
VRRMM
KRUNK!
WHAT?
CLOSING DOOR FOR THE SECOND TIME.
BZZZZZZZZ
MMMRRV
UH OH. I THINK I CONFUSED THE MICROPUTER. THE DOOR IS OPENING AGAIN!
BZZZZZZZZ


JOLLY WELL CLOSING DOOR FOR THE THIRD TIME!
YRRMMM
CHUNK!
DRAT THAT ZONERUNNER! TIME FOR A TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL - HEAD-WHEELS OUT!
YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS TIME, ZONERUNNER, BUT I WILL RETURN. YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF NUTZAN BOLT.

TAILS GOES TO FIND THE FLOCK AND DISCOVERS THAT THEY'VE BEATEN SOL FURIC, TESS TUBE AND THE SECURITY ROBOTS.
NUTZAN'S EXPLOSIONS DESTROYED THE CONSTRUCTION ROBOTS, MELTED THE METAL ROUND THE HOLE AND SEALED IT. THANKS TO YOU THE ZONES ARE SAFE.
THEY DID? THEY ARE? BUT..UM... OH BROTHER.
I'D BETTER NOT TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED TO NUTZAN OR THEY'LL THINK I'M A REAL HERO - AND THAT'LL GET ME INTO WORSE TROUBLE.

WE'LL FIX YOUR MICROPUTER AND MEND YOUR COAT, ZONERUNNER. THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU NEXT VISIT THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE.
OH, AND BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU DEFEAT NUTZAN BOLT?
I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANY-THING. IT WAS THE SECURITY DOOR...

SO MODEST, SO BRAVE. EVERYTHING A ZONERUNNER SHOULD BE. THE FLOCK SALUTES YOU.
'BYE, EVERYONE.
WAIT TILL I TELL SONIC ABOUT ALL THIS!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU, PIXEL-BRAIN! COME ON, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO. THIS IS NO TIME TO BE PLAYING!
SIGH!
NEXT: TAILS GOES SOLO!

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CLASSIC COMIC-STRIP FROM THE WORLD OF THE HAPPENING HEDGEHOG!

ON THE FLOATING ISLAND THE REPAIRS TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S DEADLY DEATH EGG SATELLITE ARE ALMOST COMPLETE.
SONIC AND KNUCKLES WERE ON THEIR WAY TO PUT A STOP TO THE MAD-MAN'S EVIL SCHEME WHEN THEIR PROGRESS WAS INTERRUPTED...
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE FOUND THE LOST PYRAMID OF SANDOPOLIS!
KERRMMBL
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOMEBODY HOME... DID YOUR MAP MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, CAPTAIN PLUNDER?
OH THERE WAS SOME NONSENSE ABOUT A GIANT STONE GUARDIAN... I PAID IT NO HEED!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Mystery of the Sandopolis Zone PART 2
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Art: Richard Elson
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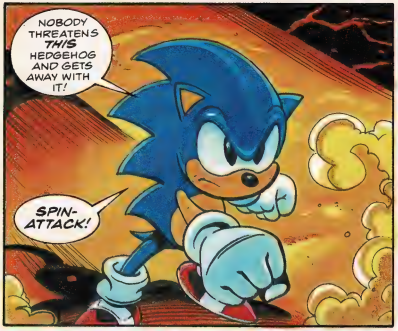
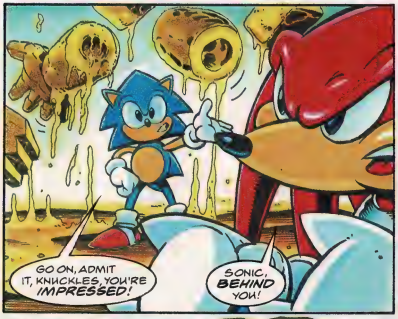
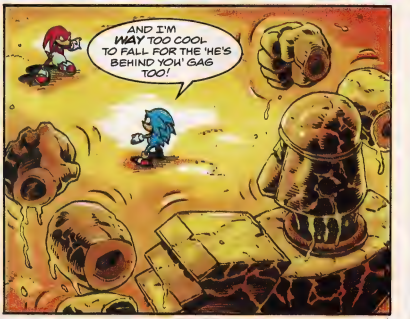
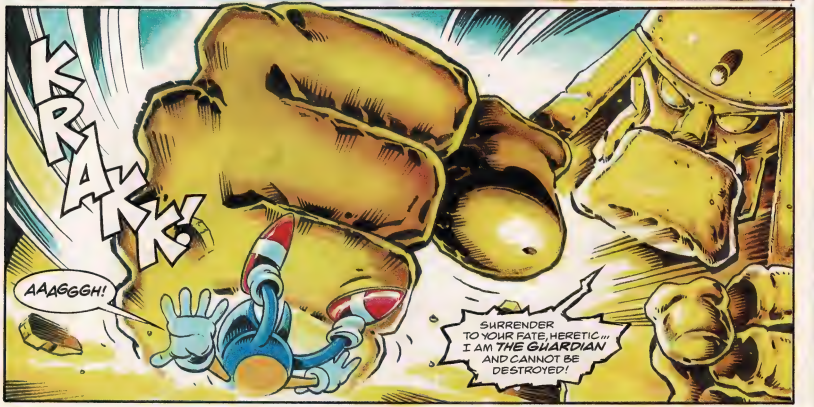
HERETICS... YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUMMON THE SACRED PYRAMID. ALL WHO BREAK THIS ANCIENT LAW ARE CURSED...
...AND MUST DIE!
ARE ALL PIRATES AS STUPID AS YOU?


NOBODY THREATENS THIS HEDGEHOG AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
SPIN-ATTACK!

KROOOM!
HOW ABOUT THAT? THIS GUY WAS NOWHERE NEAR AS TOUGH AS HE LOOKED!

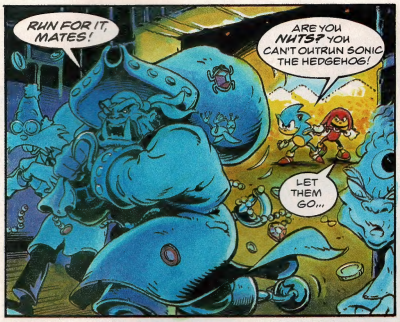

GO ON, ADMIT IT, KNUCKLES, YOU'RE IMPRESSED!
SONIC, BEHIND YOU!

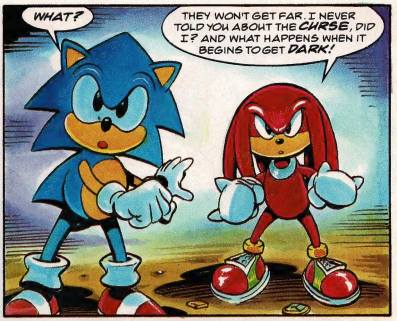

AND I'M WAY TOO COOL TO FALL FOR THE 'HE'S BEHIND YOU' GAG TOO!

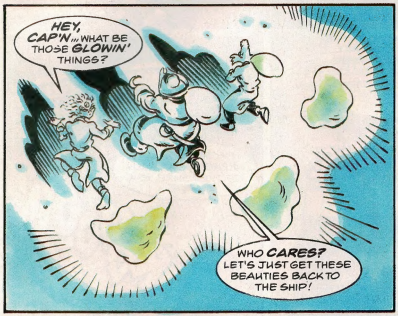

KRAK!
AAAGGGH!
SURRENDER TO YOUR FATE, HERETIC... I AM THE GUARDIAN AND CANNOT BE DESTROYED!

OVER HERE, GUARDIAN! I'VE READ THE SACRED TEXTS ... I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PYRAMID! YOU WON'T FIND ME SO EASY TO BEAT!
MAINLY BECAUSE I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY AND FIGHT YOU!
AND WHY SHOULD I BOTHER WITH ALL THIS HANDY CHICKSAND AROUND THE PLACE?
YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO USE YOUR HEAD, SONIC!
YEAH? WELL IF YOU'RE SO SMART HOW COME YOU LET PLINDER SNEAK INTO THE PYRAMID?
HEY KNUCKLES, I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE MASTER OF THE FLOATING ISLAND. HOW COME THE STONE GIANT ATTACKED YOU?
HE'S FROM AN ANCIENT TIME, SONIC ... HE WON'T EVEN REALISE THE RACE OF PEOPLE WHO ONCE LIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND HAVE LONG GONE ...
LISTEN... I THOUGHT I HEARD A NOISE UP AHEAD!
AND UP AHEAD WE FIND...
HERE IT IS, MATES, JUST WHERE THE MAP SAID!
BUT AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES WILL IT STILL WORK, CAP'N?

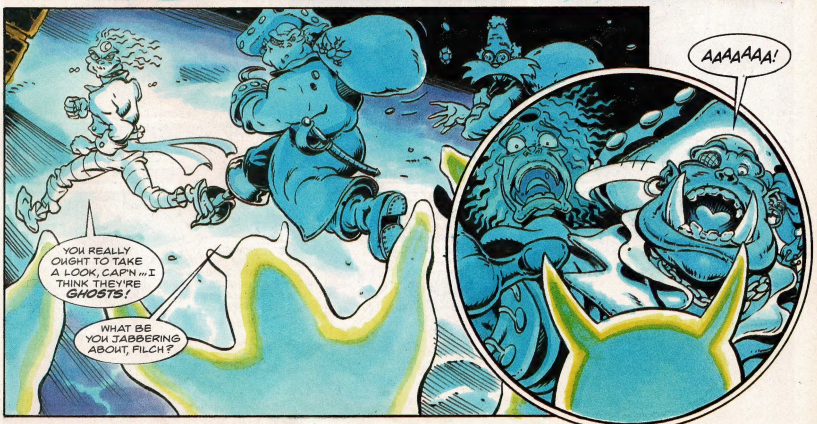
IT WORKED! JUST LOOK AT THAT, THE LOST TOMB OF SANDOPOLIS!
NEVER YOU MIND THAT, FILCH ... JUST EE LOOK AT THE TREASURE!
GET TO WORK, FILCH, YOU SLACKER!
I CAN'T, CAP'N ... I'M A GHOST, REMEMBER? I CAN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!
PLUNDER, THESE TREASURES BELONG TO THE FLOATING ISLAND ... THEY'RE PART OF ITS HERITAGE!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU STEAL THEM!
LOOK, LITTLE MATEY, I'M A PIRATE, SEE? I'M SUPPOSED TO STEAL STUFF!
BELIEVE ME, PLUNDER, YOU DON'T WANT TO GET KNUCKLES MAD ...
HEY ... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE LIGHTS?
THE LIGHTING SYSTEM IS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD SONIC, I GUESS IT'S JUST NOT AS RELIABLE AS IT USED TO BE.


RUN FOR IT, MATES!
ARE YOU NUTS? YOU CAN'T OUTRUN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
LET THEM GO...

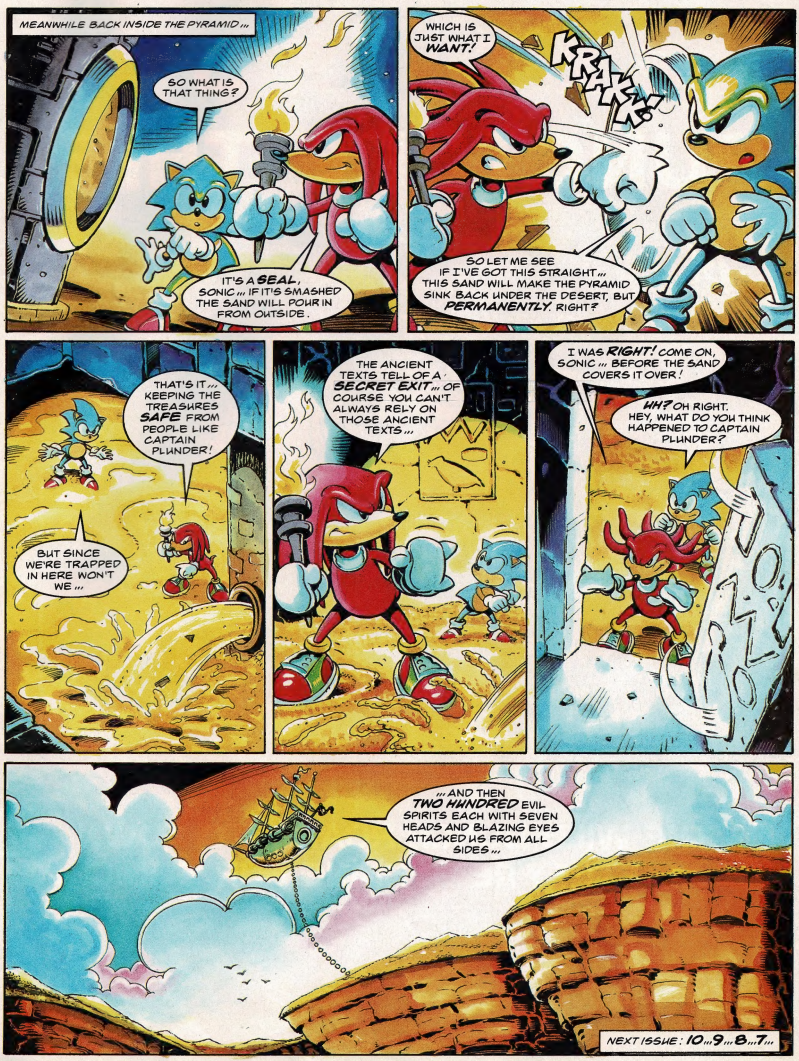

WHAT?
THEY WON'T GET FAR. I NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT THE CHRSE, DID I? AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT BEGINS TO GET DARK!


HEY, CAP'N... WHAT BE THOSE GLOWIN' THINGS?
WHO CARES? LET'S JUST GET THESE BEAUTIES BACK TO THE SHIP!

I THINK THOSE THINGS BE A-FOLLOWIN' US, CAP'N!
FILCH, WILL YOU SHUT UP YOU BILGE RAT!


AAAAAAA!
YOU REALLY OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK, CAP'N... I THINK THEY'RE GHOSTS!
WHAT BE YOU JABBERING ABOUT, FILCH?

FILCH, YOU COWARD, YOW'RE A GHOST, MAKE FRIENDS WITH THESE LADS...
HH CAP'N... I THINK THESE ARE THE WRONG SORT OF GHOSTS!
IN THAT CASE, RHN FOR IT! WE'RE NEARLY OUT!
KRRKMMB!
HGGGH!
QUICKLY CAP'N, THE DOOR'S STARTIN' TO CLOSE!
PROFESSOR... WHERE'S YOUR SACK OF TREASURE, YOU CHR?
KDOOM!
MY APOLOGIES, CAPTAIN, I WAS ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL!
WE CAN'T RETURN TO THE SHIP AND TELL THE CREW WE WERE CHASED OUT BY A COUPLE OF GHOSTS. FILCH?
I'LL COME UP WITH A MORE FITTING TALE, CAP'N... PERHAPS FIFTY EVIL SPIRITS? HMMM... BETTER MAKE IT A HHNDRED...


MEANWHILE BACK INSIDE THE PYRAMID...
SO WHAT'S THAT THING?
IT'S A SEAL, SONIC... IF IT'S SMASHED THE SAND WILL POUR IN FROM OUTSIDE.
WHICH IS JUST WHAT I WANT!
KRAK
SO LET ME SEE IF I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT... THIS SAP WILL MAKE THE PYRAMID SINK BACK UNDER THE DESERT, BUT PERMANENTLY, RIGHT?
THAT'S IT... KEEPING THE TREASURES SAFE FROM PEOPLE LIKE CAPTAIN PLUNDER!
BUT SINCE WE'RE TRAPPED IN HERE WON'T WE...
THE ANCIENT TEXTS TELL OF A SECRET EXIT... OF COURSE YOU CAN'T ALWAYS RELY ON THOSE ANCIENT TEXTS...
I WAS RIGHT! COME ON, SONIC... BEFORE THE SAND COVERS IT OVER!
WH? OH RIGHT. HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO CAPTAIN PLUNDER?
...AND THEN TWO HUNDRED EVIL SPIRITS EACH WITH SEVEN HEADS AND BLAZING EYES ATTACKED US FROM ALL SIDES...
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